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Jeremy SNOW et al.

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For: RESETTABLE SAFETY SHIELD FOR  
MEDICAL NEEDLES

Examiner: E. R. Moulton

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the Final Office Action, dated February 22, 2010, and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.